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Task Force Band of Brothers

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Suspected insurgents caught red-handed

BALAD, Iraq (April 20, 2006) – Seven suspected insurgents were caught virtually red-handed when Soldiers with Bravo Battery, 3rd Battalion, 29th Field Artillery Regiment, 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, Task Force Band of Brothers on patrol observed from the road them digging in the dirt. As the patrol approached their location to investigate, they tried to drive away in two vehicles. The patrol pursued, stopped, searched and detained all the suspects.

In one of the vehicles, a blue truck, more than 120 various mortar rounds, fuses and four missiles – type unknown as this time – were discovered. Back at the original dig site, 250 additional artillery and mortar rounds were discovered, as well as five rocket/missiles, two anti-personnel land mines, one anti-tank mine and one hand grenade.

The munitions were taken to a secured location for further investigation and controlled detonation. Suspects were also taken to a secured location for further questioning.